

"IT IS ERROR ALONE WHICH
NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF
GOVERNMENT; TRUTH CAN
STAND BY ITSELF."
—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

THE BROAD AX

HEW TO THE LINE.

"BY THE ETERNAL WE
SHALL SEE WHO IS GOING
TO RULE, THE MONEY
POWER OR THE PEOPLE."
—ANDREW JACKSON.

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S MESSAGE.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S first regular message to Congress was duly presented and promulgated in the national legislative halls on the 6th instant.

The general topics treated are the currency problem, the Cuban question, Hawaiian annexation, Central America, the Walcott commission, reciprocity treaties, the sealing controversy, international arbitration, the Paris exposition of 1900, our navy's wants, the Alaskan territory, the civilized tribes of the Indian territory, recommendations as to the quarantine law, the sale of the Pacific railroads, the congressional library, civil service and a plea for economy in the order mentioned.

The first, second, third and fifth topics have naturally received the most attention and criticism from the public.

While the President's language is free from ambiguity he does not express a positive opinion except on a few matters. He stops short of driving home a conclusion. Unlike Mr. Cleveland who took a robust and vigorous stand on nearly every public question and maintained his position with dogged pertinacity at times, Mr. McKinley is much more diplomatic and conservative. He seems above everything else to desire the approval of his countrymen. He appears to be watching the vane of public opinion so that he may take his flight with the wind.

After reading his column or more on the currency question, one is left in the dark as to what the President would desire in that line. We are very sure he wants something done. The evils of the system he feels and points. The remedy is indefinite and chaotic.

At great length the condition of Cuba is discussed. Within a special plea for a continuance of "our friendly relations with Spain" is a series of suggestions and covert threats that it may become necessary for our government to intervene if peace is not soon brought about. From this distance it would appear that three years of Spanish cruelty which as the President rightly says "has inflamed the American mind and shocked the civilized world" would be quite long enough and "intervention on humanitarian grounds" should now take place.

As an exception to the major portion of his message the President takes a strong and decided stand in favor of the annexation of Hawaii. No good reasons, however, are shown for this step. When the President says it is due to the "people" "who come of their free will to merge their destinies in our body politic," his idea of who constitute the "people" is very different from the good old Democratic notion of that term.

The Walcott commission is eulogized profusely not for what has been accomplished, but for what is in anticipation. Right on this subject President McKinley in our opinion exhibits a duplicity not to say hypocrisy. If he is really anxious to secure the use of both gold and silver "upon a basis which shall work no injuries to any class

of our citizens," why does he even partially approve of Secretary Gage's plan to fasten the gold standard permanently upon the country? The chief magistrate of a great people ought not to play fast and loose with so grave a question.

The other subjects are treated in rather a didactic way; space will not permit us to mention them more particularly.

President McKinley is an optimist. He evidently thinks that prosperity and depression are conditions of the mind rather than actualities. He felicitates the country that we are signally blessed and prospered as a nation by a beneficent Providence. As a literary production the message will average well with state papers of his predecessors. But the people of the west will find but little of satisfaction or encouragement in any part of it.

LEGALIZED COUNTER- FEITING.

Bonamy Price the great authority on Public Economy, shows how over consumption is the cause of the terrible business depressions of our times. He says that over building, too much enterprise, too many railroads and the like are sure to cause panic and long years of depression, because so much wealth is wasted in fixed capitals that do not pay. Of course, this view is based on the view that only gold and silver are money. We can see how this comes about. Suppose there is a sudden great discovery of gold as happened in California. This causes great business activity and new enterprises. These call for more gold to keep them going and to repair them. Ere long the original output of gold is insufficient, and paper substitutes are employed, which are not legal tender. Onward is progress, and still more must be employed, till suddenly a panic ensues and all the paper is forced upon the metals for redemption, 95 per cent of paper to be redeemed by one per cent of metal. Had the paper been legal tender no such a serious calamity could occur. Now there is not a gold standard man alive but knows there is not gold enough produced on the earth to perform the one-fiftieth part of the money service required by the business of the world. Perhaps ten times more than exists as bullion and coin must be held in reserve to protect the bonds of the British and other governments. Nor is it fit for handling as money because of wearing away.

The metal standard means the paper system—that is, the specie basis system—a hundred dollars of paper floating around as the representatives of one gold or silver dollar supposed to be on deposit somewhere. Not a dollar of this paper is legal tender, and as soon as a panic ensues all the business of the country must contract to the measure of the little gold and silver on deposit. Every dollar that circulates as money should be legal tender. It ought to be made a crime to try to pass anything for money that is not lawful tender for debt. Such a paper money system is not one whit better than a tolerated counterfeit system. It is counterfeit in reality. HOLZ.

BEGINNING with the next issue of the Broad Ax we shall reproduce the great speech entitled "The Battle of the Standards" which was delivered by the Hon. W. L. Terry of Arkansas, in the House of Representatives, on Friday, December 27, 1895. If our many readers will peruse the 48 propositions which Congressman Terry sets forth in favor of the free coinage of silver they will be in a position to enlighten the minds of their bankers on the money question.

TO RESCUE COLORED PEOPLE.

Pastor Buys Dearborn Street
Property for a Philanthropic
Purpose.

The Rev. George W. Dickey, pastor of the Burning Bush mission, purchased the three story brick building at 2838 Dearborn street yesterday for the purpose of converting it into a home for homeless and unfortunate women. It will be called a Rescue and industrial institute. The plan has been under consideration for several months, and recently a few wealthy Baptists took hold of the matter with the Rev Mr. Dickey, and the result is that the home will be opened as soon as the alterations can be made in the two upper floors.

The property cost \$10,500, and is a three story brick building 25 by 98 feet on a lot 110 feet deep. There will be sleeping apartments on the top floor, and on the second floor the women will be taught sewing, housekeeping, cooking, stenography and typewriting, and whatever else will enable them to be self supporting. The plan of the Rev. Dickey is one of several to give practical aid to the unemployed among the colored people. The Rev. Dickey in speaking of his work yesterday, said:

"We need to do something for our young women. They come to Chicago in large numbers from the south every year, and drift about in this great city without any guidance or friends. In a short while they go to the dogs. It is the one reason why one can go into the various stations of the city and see such a large percentage of colored criminals. I think it is about time for the Christian people to bestir themselves and do something practical in the way of giving protection and kindly assistance to unemployed colored men and women. Our home is established for this purpose. And while we are colored people I can assure you that we will not close our doors against the needy of any race or color. The home will be formally dedicated next week, at which time we will have a public reception."—Chicago Record.

P. W. NELSON.

AFTER arriving in Denver on our way east, we stepped into a restaurant for the purpose of ordering our breakfast, and while we were seated at the table waiting for the waiter to bring it forth, Mr. P. W. Nelson happened to spy us and he stepped in to inquire if we had shaken the dust of Zion off our feet for good. We informed him we had not but we were on our way east on a business trip, and when we returned to Denver from Chicago we again met Mr. Nelson and he insisted upon us dining with him. We accepted the invitation and our elegant repast consisted of chicken pot-pie, sparrows, quail and toast.

Mr. Nelson is engaged in the barber business with Mr. Harry Jones at 1115, 17th street, and he would be greatly pleased to receive a call from all of his Salt Lake friends.

FIVE young colored women graduated as nurses and received their diploma from the Provident Hospital in Chicago last week. A very interesting program was rendered at the graduating exercises. These five young women are all beautiful and accomplished and they start out in their chosen profession well equipped for the duties which lie before them.

Those that graduated are Miss Julia A. Snell of Alabama, Miss Grace D. Craig of Michigan, Miss Cora Anderson of Indiana, Viola V. Symons of Ohio and Miss Sarah E. Adams of Kentucky.

TINTIC MINING NEWS

WORK is now progressing on the Annie consolidated. The new tunnel under the Laurie claim is now in fifty feet. The company intends to push the work. Work is also progressing on the Emilie claim. The tunnel is in 190 feet. In 30 feet further they expect to strike the ledge from which they expect good results. This property lies about three-fourths of a mile north of Hennesville and is owned by Ed. Bower, Frank Cook and Will Morgan. Work is still progressing on the new shaft on the Mountain View and according to the indications there is no doubt but what it will soon become one of Tintic's shippers. This property joins the Humbug and the Yankee and is owned by T. D. Sullivan. You will please excuse these few lines, will write you more next time.—From the man on the corner.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.,
Dec. 12, 1897.

Julius F. Taylor, Editor Broad Ax,
Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir.—What would be the outlook for a thorough business college in your city, by an up-to-date man, one who would size up with the best. Have you such a school in the city, and with what success conducted.

Will you kindly give me any other information I ought to have, and oblige, Yours truly,

J. B. McKee.

If any of our readers or enterprising business men can answer the above questions they will confer a great favor upon the Broad Ax.

CHIPS.

JULIUS F. TAYLOR, editor and publisher of the Broad Ax of Salt Lake City, Utah, paid us a pleasant call early in the week.—The Chicago Reflector.

Owing to being absent in Chicago on a business trip we did not find the time to review President McKinley's message until a few days ago which appears in this issue of the Broad Ax.

We will not resume our review of "The Past and the Future of the American Negro," by Dr. D. W. Culp, until the next issue of the Broad Ax.

JULIUS F. TAYLOR, editor of the Salt Lake City Broad Ax, was in the city on business, and also visited this office Monday.—The Colorado Statesman, Denver, Col.

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, we started on a business trip to Denver, Omaha and Chicago, and during our absence we had the pleasure of meeting a great many of our old friends and acquaintance. A full account of our trip will appear in the next issue of the Broad Ax.

CONGRESSMAN W. H. KING is winning golden laurels for himself at the national capital. He is considered one of the most popular Congressmen in Washington and his company is much sought after at all high social events for his genial and pleasing manners. Congressman King is laboring very hard for every interest in Utah and her people should feel proud of her noble representative.

Why go to Klondike to suffer the hardships and perils one must need encounter to reach that much talked of place, when you can go right down to Gunlock in southern Utah and dig up gold by the shovel full? This rich vein which has only recently been discovered is said to be the richest find ever discovered in Utah, and if all reports are true it will undoubtedly make Southern Utah bloom and blossom in the spring.

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